

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. - 15. (canceled).

16. (previously presented): The process according to Claim 22, characterized by the following features:

a) the double-width material web (11) has a double-layered configuration,
b) two marginal web legs (50, 51) are folded to cover a central region of the material web such that the material web (11) has the double-layer configuration in a region of the folded web legs (50, 51) with folding edges at both borders of the material web.

17. (previously presented): The process according to Claim 16, characterized in that the web legs (50, 51) of the material web (11) are spaced apart from one another by a small distance to form between the web legs (50, 51) a longitudinal gap (52) running approximately in the longitudinal center plane of the material web (11), with the severing cut for separating a double-width folded blank (25) being executed in the region of the longitudinal gap (52).

18. (previously presented): The process according to Claim 16, characterized in that the double-width folding coupons (10) produced from a two-layered blank (25) have two regions of

glue (18, 19) for each folding coupon (10), specifically at opposite sides of the material web (11).

19. (previously presented): The process according to Claim 22, characterized in that the application of the

regions of glue (18, 19) to the continuous material web (11) by the glue subassembly (20, 21) is controlled by printed-mark readers in accordance with printed marks on the material web (11).

20. (previously presented): The process according to Claim 22, characterized in that the folded double-width blanks with the applied regions of glue (18, 19) are transported between belt conveyors (37, 38) in the region of a heating station (35) during the transmission of heat.

21. (previously presented): The process according to Claim 22, characterized in that transversely directed scores (61) are applied by a stamping element (56) to the material web (11) during continuous transport, said scores corresponding to the positioning of folding lines of the blank (25) to be severed from the material web (11) or of the folding coupon (10) to be produced therefrom.

22. (currently amended): A process for producing multiple-folded printing carriers made of thin material, namely folding coupons (10) made of paper, resulting in the formation of at least two folding legs (27, 28) which are connected to one another by adhesive bonding by

regions of glue (18, 19) applied to the folding legs (27, 28), the coupons (10) being suitable to be added to cigarette packs, **characterized** by the following steps:

- a) regions of glue (18, 19) comprising hot glue (hotmelt) are applied to a material web (11) ~~for producing the folding coupons (10)~~ at areas thereof corresponding to ~~position~~the positioning of the folding coupon (10) on the folding legs (27, 28) of the folding coupons (10),
- b) the material web (11) is chosen to have a width that is double the width of a folding coupon (10),
- c) after hardening of the regions of glue (18, 19) to the material web (11) blanks (25) having double the width of a folding coupon (10) are cut off from the material web (11), each of the blanks (25) having set regions of glue (18, 19) for two folding coupons (10) side by side,
- d) the blanks (25) having double the width of a folding coupon (10) are fed to a folding subassembly (26) in which the double-width blanks (15) are folded to correspond to the fold of the folding coupons (10),
- e) once the double-width blanks (25) have been folded, the regions of glue (18, 19) are activated by a supply of heat and the folding legs (27, 28) are connected to one another by pressure, and
- f) the folded double-width blanks (25) are then severed in the longitudinal direction in order to produce in each case two folding coupons (10) lying adjacent to one another.

23. (currently amended): The process according to claim 22, wherein said-folding step (d) of folding the double-width blanks occurs in a single folding process.

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24. (currently amended): The process according to claim 16, wherein said ~~folding~~ step of folding the double-width blanks occurs in a single folding process.